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SUBJ: GON BRIEFING ON FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE

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1. ON APRIL 3, FOREIGN MINISTER FREYDENLAND AND MFA BARENTS SEA
SPOKESMAN VINDNESS BRIEFED THE FRENCH, UK, FRG AND US CHIEFS
OF MISSION/
CHARGES ON THE RECENT NORWEGIAN-SOVIET TALKS IN MOSCOW ON THE
SVALBARD
FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE. A FULL MEMCON FOLLOWS, BUT MAIN THRUST
OF BRIEFING WAS AS OUTLINED BY VINDNESS TO VINE IN WASHINGTON
(REF B). NO MENTION WAS MADE OF VINE/VINDNESS DISCUSSIONS.

2. VINDNESS MADE CLEARER SOME POINTS WE RAISED CONCERN-
ING HIS DISCUSSION WITH VINE (REFA). HE MADE THE DISTINCTION THAT
THE COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO QUOTE MUTUAL INTERESTS AND REPRESENTATION
UNQUOTE REFLECTS ONLY COMMON CONCERN FOR COMMON FISH STOCKS.
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NORWAY REJECTED, HE SAID, AN ADDITIONAL SOVIET FORMULATION
THAT MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THESE MUTUAL INTERESTS AND RESPONSI-
BILITIES SHOULD ALSO BE JOINT, OR AT LEAST COORDINATED.
HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE IS DILIBERATELY
VAGUE WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION SHARING. HE NOTED THE
SOVIETS WANTED A FORMULA WHICH WOULD IMPLY DATA SHOULD NOT
BE SHARED WITH THIRD STATES. NORWAY REJECTED THIS AND RATIONAL-

IZED THE RESULTING COMPROMISE LANGUAGE AS REFERRING TO TWO GOVERNMENT'S CONVERSTATIONS. HE STRESSED THAT FOR NORWAY THIS WOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN EXCLUSIVE FORMULATION.

3. VINDNESS STATED THAT THE REPORTING FORMULATION IN THE COMMUNIQUE PAPERS OVER A BASIC DISAGREEMENT ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT A REPORTING SYSTEM. HE ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ENFORCEMENT EITHER AS, LIKE THE REPORTING SYSTEM, THIS WAS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE GENERAL QUESTION OF JURISDICTION. HE ARGUED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT FOLLOWING THE MOSCOW TALKS THE GON CONCLUDES THAT QUOTE THE CHANCES SEEM BETTER THAT OUR MEASURES WILL BE GIVEN DE FACTO RECOGNITION OR RESPECT BY SOVIET VESSELS. UNQUOTE WHEN ASKED WHEN NORWAY MIGHT IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION REGULATIONS, HE SAID THAT WHILE NOT YET DECIDED THE FISHING SEASON WAS APPROACHING AND THE GON WILL HAVE TO START SOON. WHEN VINDNESS WAS ASKED WHETHER THE GON WOULD ANNOUNCE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AT THE SAME TIME IT ESTABLISHES ITS REGULATIONS FRYDENLUND INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON THAT AND IT IS CLEARLY A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE. UNQUOTE.

4. PRESS REPORTS APRIL 5 CLAIM THE GON WILL IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION REGULATIONS WITHIN THE FPZ IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

5. COMMENT: THE GON FOR ITS PART HAS PRESENTED A DEFENSIBLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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THOUGH FINELY DRAWN, DISTINCTION BETWEEN JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RESOURCES CONSERVATION (WHICH IT ACCEPTS) AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES (WHICH IT REJECTS). WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS AND THE SUBSEQUENT OPENING OF THE FISHING SEASON, WE SHOULD SOON HAVE A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE SOVIET READING OF THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE.
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